GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL AND MINES
LOK SABHA

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ROYALTY ON COAL AND LIGNITE
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Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage of royalty given to coal and lignite separately as of now; and

(b) the amount of royalty due to be given to Tamil Nadu as on date ?

Answer

MINISTER OF COAL AND MINES (SUSHREE UMA BHARTI)

(a) : Royalty rates on coal and lignite have been fixed on tonnage basis and not on percentage basis. The royalty rate on lignite was last revised on 15.3.2001 to Rs. 50 per tonne. The royalty rates on coal were last revised on 16.8.2002 which are as under :-

(Rs. Per tonne)

Coal Group	Rates of royalty as on 16.8.2002
Group-I Coals:	
(a) Coking Coal Steel Grade-I Steel Grade-II Washery Grade-I	250.00
(b) Hand picked coal produced in the States of Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Meghalaya and Nagaland. Group-II Coals:	
(a) Coking Coal Washery Grade-II Coking Coal Washery Grade-III	
(b) Semi-coking Gr.-I Semi-coking Gr.-II	165.00
(c) Non-Coking Coal Grade A Non-Coking Coal Grade B	
(d) Ungraded Run of mine coal produced in the States of Arunachal Pradesh, Assam Meghalaya and Nagaland. Group-III coals:	
(a) Coking Coal Washery Grade-IV,	115.00
(b) Non-coking Grade C Group-IV coals	

(a) Non-Coking Coal Grade D	85.00
(b) Non-Coking Coal Grade E Group-V coals	
(a) Non-Coking Coal Grade F	65.00
(b) Non-Coking Coal Grade G Group-VI coals Coal produced in the State of Andhra Pradesh	90.00

The revised rates are not applicable to the State of West Bengal.

(b) : As on date there are no dues to be given to Government of Tamil Nadu towards royalty on lignite . In March, 2001 Neyveli Lignite Corporation made an advance royalty payment of Rs. 250 crores to the Government of Tamil Nadu as a special dispensation. The advance payment is to be adjusted in the next three years.